

Sinclair
Broadcasting's
decision to force
their stations to
air an anti-Kerry
documentary days
before the election
is a clear example
of the dangers of
media consolidation.
It is also a clear
example of abusing
the airwaves for
partisan gain.

Sinclair uses the
public airwaves free
of charge, and is
obligated by law to
serve the public
interest. But when
large companies
control the
airwaves, we get
more of what they
view as good for
their bottom line;
as a result
democracy suffers.
I encourage you to
sanction Sinclair
for this abuse of
what are public
airwaves.

There is nothing
wrong with campaign
speech, but engaging
in blatantly
campaign-driven
programming and
trying to mislead
the public by
labeling it as news
is a terrible abuse.

Instead of decision
made at corporate
headquarters far
away from our local
community, it's more
important that
decision-making is
made by real people
from our own
communities.

Sinclair's actions
show why we need to
strengthen media
ownership rules, not
weaken them. They
show why the license
renewal process

needs to involve
more than a returned
postcard. Thank
you.